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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 1342

RABAT FOR RSO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, TS

SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN

REF: A. STATE 046260 (NOTAL) B. TUNIS 1326

1. AS DEPARTMENT NOW AWARE FROM REF B, WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS INCLUDING UPI ON DEMONSTRATIONS WERE EXAGGERATED.
WE OF COURSE CANNOT BE SURE THAT NO ANTI- AMERICAN SLOGANS
SHOUTED, BUT SUCH SLOGANS NOT HEARD AT USIS AND DEFINITELY
NO ROCKS WERE THROWN.

2. OTHER EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF YESTERDAY' S DEMONSTRATIONS
HAVE STRESSED SEVERITY OF RIOT POLICE (BOP) IN CRACKING
HEADS. (U. S.- TRAINED BRIGADE DE L' ORDRE PUBLIC - BOP-
ARE OFTEN CALLED " THE AMERICANS".) NO INFORMATION
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AVAILABLE YET ON HOW MANY STUDENTS INJURED OR ARRESTED.
TUNIS MEDIA HAVE NOT REPORTED DEMONSTRATION; ONLY OFFICIAL
DENIAL THAT ANY PALESTINIANS EXPELLED FROM TUNISIA (REF B).

3. WE HAVE DISTRUBING REPORT FROM SENIOR EMBASSY LOCAL,
WHO CLAIMS TO BE RELATED TO ONE OF STUDENTS WHO WAS AWARE
OF PLANNING DEMONSTRATION. ACCORDING LATTER,
DEMONSTRATION PLANNED PURPOSELY IN VICINITY USIS.
DEMONSTRATORS THAT INTENDED, PROVIDED THEY MET WITH LITTLE
OR NO OPPOSITION FROM POLICE, TO MARCH ON AMERICAN EMBASSY.
SAME SOURCE WAS AWARE OF THREATENING LETTER SENT TO
BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (TUNIS 1277) AND SAID THAT IN FACT TWO
LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT -- SECOND TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.
NO SUCH LETTER RECEIVED HERE.

4. WE HAVE ANOTHER REPORT FROM STUDENT SOURCES THAT
DEMONSTRATION WAS TO PROTEST EXPULSION OF PALESTINIANS,
NOT FROM COUNTRY BUT FROM UNIVERSITY. DISTRUBING ASPECT
OF THIS IS THAT, ACCORDING SOURCE, SOME OF THESE STUDENTS
APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT EXPULSION PALESTINIANS FROM
UNIVERSITY RESULTED FROM AMB' S MEETING WITH BOURGUIBA
MARCH 10.
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